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July 13, 2004

Mr. Russell L. Evanski
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**DIRECTIVE TO SUBMIT REPORT OF CORPORATE SUCCESSORSHIP FOR
GOLDEN STATE EXPLOSIVES, INC. AND ITS PREDECESSORS FOR BUSINESS
CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF 2298 NORTH STONEHURST AVENUE, CITY OF
RIALTO, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Mr. Evanski:

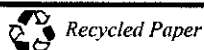
Thank you for your response to my June 26, 2003 Directive to Conduct a Records Investigation and Submit a Report Concerning Perchlorate Discharges (Directive) in the Rialto, Colton and Chino Groundwater Basins, San Bernardino County. This Directive was issued pursuant to California Water Code (Porter-Cologne) Section 13267.

Golden State Explosives' (Golden State) response to that directive was received in July 2003 and states, in summary:

- (1) Explosives Technologies International (ETI) operating as King Explosives, E.T.I. of California, Inc. (E.T.I.), and Golden State, operated explosives storage and blasting agent production facilities in the vicinity of North Highland/Stonehurst and Alder Avenue and at 2900 N. Tamarind Avenue in Rialto from 1987 through 1994.
- (2) The blasting agent production consisted of Ammonium Nitrate and Fuel Oil mixing and that no perchlorate or perchlorate materials were stored or handled with the exception of pre-packaged detonators which were stored and distributed from the site.
- (3) There were no accidents, explosions, discharges, or fires relating to the products.
- (4) ETI had no relationship with Margraf Explosives, Inc. (Margraf) and has no knowledge of its operations.

After conducting further research, evidence indicates that the information provided in your response may be incomplete and that there may be a relationship between Golden State, Margraf, Du Pont, King Explosives, ETI, and E.T.I. This letter is being sent to direct Golden State to conduct a complete investigation of its corporate records, including but not limited to, mergers, acquisitions, fictitious name filings, partnership agreements, and corporate filings, involving Golden State, Margraf, E I Du Pont De

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Nemours & Company (Du Pont), King Explosives, Inc., ETI, and E.T.I. of the Rialto operation.

This letter sets forth a requirement under California Water Code Section 13267 for Golden State to conduct the additional investigation. As required by that provision, this letter contains an explanation of the need for the investigation, and cites evidence supporting the requirement.

Requirement for Additional Records Investigation

The Regional Board has directed staff to issue individual letters under California Water Code Section 13267 to suspected perchlorate dischargers in the Rialto and Colton Groundwater Subbasins.

Evidence Supporting the Need for Investigation of Corporate Successorship

As stated in my June 26, 2003 directive, a 1987 plot plan identifying Margraf-Dupont-King as occupying bunker E-3 (Enclosure 1) and an August 10, 1987 letter from the San Bernardino County Environmental Health Department addressed to Margraf Explosives c/o King Explosives Co. at the 2900 N. Tamarind address (Enclosure 2), indicate a relationship between the ETI, King Explosives Company and Margraf.

In addition, a December 21, 1988 letter from ETI to the California Water Resources Control Board states that ETI purchased King Explosives in 1988, making ETI liable for activities conducted by King Explosives and its subsidiaries and predecessors (Enclosure 3).

A telephone conversation took place in March of 2004 between Debra Ney of my staff, and Mr. William Margraf. Mr. Margraf stated that Du Pont purchased Margraf and that ETI subsequently purchased Du Pont's entire explosives division in the mid to late 1980s.

The San Bernardino Assessor's Office Business Owner History of Parcel No. 0239-211-20-P000 indicates that ETI's business at 2298 Stonehurst Avenue in Rialto was previously owned by Du Pont, and prior to that was owned by Margraf (Enclosure 4).

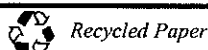
This evidence supports the requirement for additional information as part of this investigation, as defined in Section 13267(b)(1) of the California Water Code.

Deadlines

By August 16, 2004 a report containing the following information, and documents supporting that information, shall be submitted to the Regional Board:

1. Corporate Records, including corporate officer names and addresses
2. Fictitious Business Name documents

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3. Agreements of Mergers or Acquisitions and other related documents
4. Partnership Agreements and other related documents

Failure to submit the required information by the specified deadline may subject you to administrative civil liability in the amount of up to \$1,000 per day, pursuant to Section 13268(a) and (b) of the California Water Code.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if you would like to arrange a meeting or teleconference, please contact Kamron Saremi, Project Engineer, at (909) 782-4303 or Robert L. Holub, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer, at (909) 782-3298.

Sincerely,



Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

1. 1987 plot plan identifying Margraf-Dupont-King as occupying bunker E-3
2. August 10, 1987 letter from the San Bernardino County Environmental Health Department addressed to Margraf Explosives c/o King Explosives Co.
3. December 21, 1988 letter from ETI to the California Water Resources Control Board
4. San Bernardino Assessor's Office Business Owner History of Parcel 0239-211-20-P000
5. Mailing List

cc: Regional Board Members
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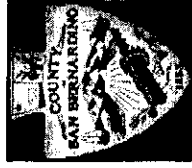
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Owner Name History for Parcel 0239-211-20-P000

Name	Owner Status	Percent Ownership	Relationship	Document Number	Recording Date	Acquire Date	Roll Year
BUSINESS OWNER	Past Owner		UNKNOWN	94000000000000	1994/03/01		
WILSON BUSH SUITE ***	Past Owner		DOING BUSINESS AS	87000000000000	1988/03/01	1988/03/01	
ETI INC	Past Owner		SOLE OWNER	87000000000000	1988/03/01	1988/03/01	1989
CONOCO TAX DEPT	Past Owner		DOING BUSINESS AS	86000000000000	1986/03/01	1986/03/01	
KING EXPLOSIVES.	Past Owner		DOING BUSINESS AS	00000000000000			
EIDU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY	Past Owner		CORPORATION	00000000000000			
MARGRAF EXPLOSIVES INC	Past Owner		SOLE OWNER	00000000000000			

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August 10, 1987

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P.O. Box 679
Rialto, CA 92376

SUBJECT: STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF NEW AND OFF-SPECK FIREWORKS

Due to the recent accident at the Trojan Fireworks Facility in Rialto, our Department is doing a survey of the various facilities located in this area. Our Department would like your facility to fill out the accompanying form and return it to us no later than August 21, 1987.

If you have any questions, please call at (714) 387-4629.

RICHARD L. ROBERTS, R.S., MPH
Director

Steve Van Stockum, R.S.
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Environmental Specialist IV

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December 21, 1988

Ed Anton
California Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Anton:

Explosives Technologies International (ETI) purchased King Explosives in 1988 and believe that an underground storage tank may not have been reported in the required manner. This UST is located in San Bernardino CA and has been registered with the county Environmental Health Services Dept. (see attached Permit) This tank is reported on the attached form.

If you need more information please contact:

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Environmental Manager (US)
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Very truly yours,

Riley F. Williams

Riley F. Williams
Consultant

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Attachment

cc: V. E. Schmidt
J. D. Puller

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